

REMARKS

Claims 10-31 are pending in this application. Claims 1-9 have been withdrawn. Claims 10-12 and 15-31 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) in view of the patents to Abrams and Bohm. Claims 13-14 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) in view of Abrams, Bohm and Taylor.

The Restriction of Claim 31

On February 27, 2006, the Office issued a restriction requirement restricting the claims to two groups: claims 1-30 (Group I) and claim 31 (Group II). Applicant replied by electing the Group I claims. Then, on July 18, 2006, the Office issued a second restriction requirement restricting the claims into two further groups: claims 1-9 (Group I) and claims 10-30 (Group II). Applicant replied to that requirement by electing the Group II claims.

In the current action, the Office appears to have undone the first restriction requirement by reinstating claim 31. The action states clearly that claims 1-9 have been withdrawn and that claims 10-31 remain pending. In the claim rejections, the Office has examined (and rejected) claim 31 with the other pending claims (10-30). Therefore, Applicant assumes that claim 31 has been reinstated.

The Rejection of Claims 10-21 and 26-31

Abrams neither shows nor suggests the migration of data from a source database system to a target database system by transferring groups of data “in parallel” into temporary tables in the target system, as recited in these claims. Applicant finds nothing to suggest the *parallel* transfer of *groups* of data anywhere in the Abrams patent, let alone in the passage pointed to by the Office (col. 12, lines 5-8).

Likewise, both Bohm and Taylor fail to show parallel transfer of groups of data and therefore fail to overcome this deficiency of the Abrams patent. The result is that these three patents, even when combined, do not show all elements of Applicants claims. Applicant therefore asks the Office to allow all of these claims.

The Rejection of Claims 22-25

Applicant finds nothing in Abrams to suggest “defining the temporary tables according to definitions of the *source* table,” as recited in these claims (emphasis added). The passage of Abrams cited by the Office to show this limitation (or one similar to it in claim 19) states that “the format and fields of the at least one intermediate table are substantially identical to the format and fields of the at least one *destination* table” (col. 6, lines 36-39, emphasis added). This passage says nothing about the source table; it discusses only the destination table.

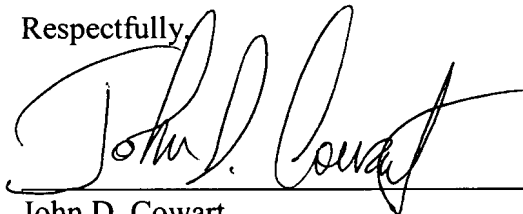
Likewise, the Bohm and Taylor references say nothing about “defining the temporary tables according to definitions of the source table,” and therefore the claims are patentable over this combination of references.

CONCLUSION

All of the claims are allowable over the art of record. Applicant asks the Office to reconsider this application and allow all of the claims. Please charge any fees that might be due, including the fee for any extension of time, but excluding the issue fee, to deposit account 14-0255.

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Respectfully,

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